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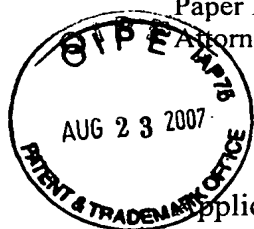
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement, which includes completed Forms PTO/SB/08a.

This application is the United States national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/AU2004/001568, filed January 12, 2004. The references listed on Form PTO/SB/08a were cited in the International Search Report dated November 29, 2004 for the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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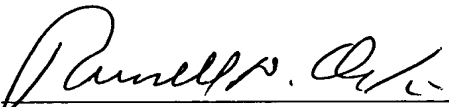
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a), a legible copy of each reference cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is provided herein. Also enclosed are translations of the abstracts for non-English references SU988275, SU1378833, SU606578 and SU1090339, which also serve as concise explanations of the relevance of these references in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(3)(i).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted together with a fee of \$180.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 (c) and 1.17 (p) as it is being submitted after the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311. The Director for the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

The Applicants submit that they have complied with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and therefore respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement and the cited references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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